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1 – Elected officials in Louisiana drag feet on new EPA report as news of chemical exposure trickles out to residents, Baton Rouge Advocate, 10/15/18

https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/environment/article_14b3e03c-c818-11e8-bbfd-670a220f2e46.html It's been 15 years since Marcia Llewellyn left Norco, a community located next to an industrial complex long known for its distinctive odor, and a place that many residents said had become too polluted to live in.

2 - EPA weighs allowing oil companies to pump wastewater into rivers, streams, Houston Chronicle, 10/15/18

https://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/EPA-weighs-allowing-oil-companies-to-pump-13303676.php

With concern growing that the underlying geology in the Permian Basin and other shale plays are reaching capacity for disposal wells, the Trump administration is examining whether to adjust decades-old federal clean water regulations to allow drillers to discharge wastewater directly into rivers and streams from which communities draw their water supplies.

3 - Craft-Turney "Do Not Use" order lifted for some residents, East Texas Matters, 10/12/18

https://www.easttexasmatters.com/news/local-news/craft-turney-do-not-use-order-lifted-for-some-residents/1520455674

The do not use order for customers of the Craft-Turney Water Supply has been lifted as of Friday, October 12, for the expanded area only based on sample results received today.

4 – Waco amoeba test results: "exposure likely occurred" at surf resort, San Antonio Express-News, 10/12/18

https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/houston-texas/texas/article/Waco-amoeba-test-results-exposure-likely-13302907.php

Test results from the Waco-area water park visited by a New Jersey man who later died from a brain-eating amoeba showed that his "exposure likely occurred" there.

5 - Editorial: Local residents deserve to be heard on WIPP plan, Albuquerque Journal, 10/15/18

https://www.abqjournal.com/1233239/local-residents-deserve-to-be-heard-on-wipp-plan.html
Do you measure volume by A.) how big your glass is, or B.) how much is actually in it? At the Waste Isolation
Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, the answer has always been "A." The U.S. Department of Energy is asking New
Mexico to switch that to "B."

6 - US eyes military bases for coal, gas exports, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 10/15/18

https://www.star-telegram.com/news/nation-world/national/article220036810.html

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The Trump administration is considering using West Coast military bases or other federal properties as transit points for shipments of U.S. coal and natural gas to Asia as officials seek to bolster the domestic energy industry and circumvent environmental opposition to fossil fuel exports.

7 – City seeks feedback on proposed plan to combat climate change, San Antonio Express-News, 10/13/18 https://www.expressnews.com/news/education/article/City-seeks-feedback-on-proposed-plan-to-combat-13305349.php

San Antonio's Office of Sustainability is seeking feedback on its proposed strategies to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the city as it develops its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, set to be approved this spring.

8 – New Mexico provisions included in federal water bill, Albuquerque Journal, 10/15/18

https://www.abqjournal.com/1233371/new-mexico-provisions-included-in-federal-water-bill.html Water projects in New Mexico would get a boost as part of a massive bill passed by Congress that seeks to improve the nation's dams and protect against floods and drought.

9 - DOJ experts downplay climate, health links, E&E News, 10/15/18

https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1060102505

Doctors retained by the U.S. government will likely minimize connections between heat-trapping gases and medical ailments at an upcoming climate change trial, court records show.

10 - Revised rules allow increased emissions at resin plants, E&E News, 10/12/18

https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2018/10/12/stories/1060102473

EPA will allow significantly higher air toxic emission rates at some resin manufacturing plants under newly amended regulations. The revised rules, set for publication in Monday's Federal Register, will increase the hazardous pollutant emission standards from existing sources in the amino/phenolic resin industry from 1.9 pounds per ton of resin produced to 8.6 pounds, according to an EPA summary.